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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re application of

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 16, 2001 from January 16, 2002 to February 16, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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